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**PROCEEDING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON, STATE OF MONTANA  
December 30, 2008**

**Present:** Commissioners Lythgoe and Weber; Jan Anderson, *Boulder Monitor/Jefferson County Courier*; Dave Kirsch

**Absent:** Commissioner Notbohm

**MINUTES**

Commissioner Weber moved to adopt the minutes of December 9. Commissioner Lythgoe seconded. The motion carried.

Commissioner Weber moved to adopt the minutes of December 16. Commissioner Lythgoe seconded. The motion carried.

**CALENDAR REVIEW**

1/05 View alley petition for closure in Basin - 8:00

1/06 Meeting with Greg Jackson - JPIA - 10:00

**CORRESPONDENCE**

A road use agreement between the Deer Lodge Snowmobile Club and Jefferson County was presented for approval and signature. The agreement is for use of approximately 8 miles of road by the snowmobile club. Commissioner Lythgoe moved to enter into the agreement. Commissioner Weber seconded. The motion carried.

A letter of transmittal from Great West Engineering for a second InterCap disbursement for Big Dipper RSID was submitted for signature. Commissioner Weber signed the form.

## **ITEMS FOR COMMISSIONERS ACTION OR REVIEW**

### **PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY 2007-2008**

The annual financial report was provided by the Clerk and Recorder. Notice will be placed in the papers of the availability of the report. The full report can be viewed in the Clerk and Recorders or Commission office. Commissioner Lythgoe recommended that the notice be run for two weeks.

### **RESOLUTION 47-2008 SETTING HOLIDAYS FOR 2009**

Commissioner Weber read the resolution as follows:

#### **RESOLUTION 47-2008**

#### **RESOLUTION TO SET OFFICIAL HOLIDAYS FOR THE YEAR 2009**

**WHEREAS**, Montana State Statute 1-1-216 identifies legal holidays for state and local holidays,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners designates the following dates as holidays in Jefferson County for the year 2009.

<b><u>Holidays</u></b>	<b><u>Observed</u></b>
New Year's Day	Thursday, January 1, 2009
Martin Luther King Day	Monday, January 19, 2009
President's Day	Monday, February 16, 2009
Memorial Day	Monday, May 25, 2009
Independence Day	Friday, July 3, 2009
Labor Day	Monday, September 7, 2009
Columbus Day	Monday, October 12, 2009
Veteran's Day	Wednesday, November 11, 2009
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 26, 2009
Christmas Day	Friday, December 25, 2009

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup> will be given as a day off with pay.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that County offices and facilities will be closed on these days with the exception of essential services.

**DATED** this 30<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2008.

**ATTEST:**

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**BONNIE RAMEY  
CLERK AND RECORDER**

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**KEN WEBER, CHAIR**

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**TOMAS E. LYTHGOE, COMMISSIONER**

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**CHUCK NOTBOHM, COMMISSIONER**

Commissioner Lythgoe moved to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Weber seconded. The motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 48-2008 SETTING PER DIEM RATES**

Commissioner Weber read the resolution as follows:

**RESOLUTION 48-2008  
SETTING PER DIEM RATES AND MILEAGE CLAIM**

**WHEREAS**, the governing body of the County shall, by resolution, establish a per diem rate for mileage reimbursement for in-state and out of state.

**WHEREAS**, the governing body of the County shall, by resolution, establish rates for in-state and out-of-state meal reimbursements and in-state and out-of state lodging reimbursements.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the following rates shall be set for reimbursement of mileage and meal reimbursement, and lodging:

Standard mileage will be 55 cents per mile up to 1,000 miles, and will be 52 cents thereafter.

State lodging rate is \$70 plus tax, other than those specifically listed as high cost areas: Gallatin County, Silver Bow County, Lewis & Clark County, Missoula County, Lake County and Flathead County. Out-of-state lodging rates are subject to the federal per diem rates set by the US General Services Administration by state.

Meal reimbursement shall be as follows:

In-state:

Morning meal, between 12:01 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. is \$5.00  
Midday meal, between 10:01 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. is \$6.00  
Evening meal, between 3:01 p.m. and 12 midnight is \$12.00

Out-of-state:

Morning meal, between 12:01 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. is \$7.00  
Midday meal, between 10:01 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. is \$11.00  
Evening meal, between 3:01 p.m. and 12 midnight is \$18.00

**DATED** this 30<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2008, effective January 1, 2009.

**ATTEST:**

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**BONNIE RAMEY  
CLERK AND RECORDER**

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**KEN WEBER, CHAIR**

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**TOMAS E. LYTHGOE, COMMISSIONER**

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**CHUCK NOTBOHM, COMMISSIONER**

Commissioner Lythgoe moved to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Weber seconded. The motion carried.

### DISCUSS AND DECIDE ON JOINING MADISON, BEAVERHEAD AND SILVERBOW COUNTIES IN A RAC

Commissioner Weber stated that the Commission had the discussion several months ago about joining a RAC or starting our own and decided that it would be best to form our own RAC. Since then, there has been much conversation with other counties and Commissioners, as well as the Forest Service. It became clear to him that it would be better to be involved with a RAC with another county, or several. There currently exists a RAC made up of Madison and Beaverhead Counties, and they have had the smallest funded RAC in Montana. The limit of the funds really limited the projects that they could get done in their areas. They recommended that Jefferson County join this group, as well as Silverbow County, to add to the pool of funds. Commissioner Lythgoe stated that after looking into this, it became apparent that the idea of forming our own RAC was a pretty awesome undertaking. Commissioner Weber stated that he spoke to several people about this. The Madison-Beaverhead RAC has more openings. RAC membership is not limited to residents of our county or the counties involved. Also, joining the Madison/Beaverhead RAC doesn't limit us from doing projects in the Helena National Forest. Commissioner Lythgoe stated that we would be limited to the degree that everyone would have to agree that the project in the Helena National forest go forward. Commissioner Weber explained that a majority from each of the three groups has to approve projects. It isn't a Commission decision at all; we can bring projects forward and request that the RAC look at them, but it is up to the RAC to decide. Commissioner Lythgoe asked if Commissioners sit on the RAC. Commissioner Weber said that part of the grouping of the membership is a local elected official. Dave Shultz has been sitting on the RAC and has been the Chair. He would like to remain in this position. Another Commissioner could sit on the RAC, but they would have to join under another classification. Commissioner Lythgoe stated that he thinks that it makes sense for us to join the Madison/Beaverhead RAC. Commissioner Weber stated that they are willing to add us; they look forward to the additional funding, so it is a win-win situation.

Commissioner Weber explained what a RAC is, what it does, and where the funding comes from. Commissioner Lythgoe asked if the County could do some of the projects we have done in the past, such as Tri-County Fire Safe, if the RAC approves the project. Commissioner Weber stated this is some of what the Forest Service wants to do, projects that incorporate mitigation for wildland interface and Forest Service lands.

Commissioner Weber moved to join Madison, Beaverhead and Silverbow County in a RAC. Commissioner Lythgoe seconded. The motion carried.

### APPOINT VIEWERS FOR PETITIONED STREET CLOSURE

A petition to close and discontinue a portion of an alley in Basin was presented. Bonnie has certified the signatures. Commissioner Lythgoe moved to assign Dave Kirsch and Joe Carter as viewers. Commissioner Weber seconded. The motion carried.

Commissioner Lythgoe moved to adjourn. Commissioner Weber seconded. The motion carried.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

**ATTEST:**

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